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Dear Members of the Class of 2018,

Omega Tau Sigma Professional Veterinary Fraternity would like to congratulate you again on your acceptance into Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Your acceptance to one of the top veterinary colleges in the country reflects your outstanding scholastic ability and dedication to our chosen profession. We know that you are probably anxious to start classes this fall, as well as concerned about settling into your life as a vet student in Auburn. This booklet has been assembled to help you adjust to Auburn (if you are new to the area), as well as explain a little about the College of Veterinary Medicine from a student’s perspective. We hope you find the contents of this booklet informative and entertaining. If you have additional questions before orientation in August, or find yourself in Auburn this summer, please do not hesitate to call or write to us. We will be more than happy to assist you in any way we can during this time of transition and change.

Omega Tau Sigma serves to encourage and foster the development of well-rounded ethical veterinarians and through them create a better profession on the basis of friendship, cooperation, and respect for all fellowmen. Our members set the very foundation by which this goal can be reached and we encourage you to become actively involved.

A distinct advantage of your membership with OTS is the opportunity to shape the fraternity with your knowledge and expertise. There are endless opportunities for camaraderie and leadership. There are also several OTS alumni, faculty, and residents from all over the country that serve as excellent professional resources and are enthusiastic about assisting current students with their passage through veterinary school. I hope that you will take advantage of the many benefits that come with membership and that you will be able to use OTS as both a forum for the exchange of innovative ideas and as a resource for current developments in veterinary medicine.

On a lighter note, OTS can offer an outlet of fun and friendship outside of the classroom with all of our activities, fundraisers, and community service programs. There are always things going on, and people to hang out with that are trying to avoid studying just as much as you are. We hope that in the miniscule amount of free time you might have, you will stop by and see that the members of OTS are a great group of people that know how to work hard and play hard. We encourage you to study hard, but please remember to take time for yourself to make lifelong friendships and have a little fun every now and again. All members of OTS are veterinary students just like you, and the fraternity is a great place to get to know the upperclassmen and learn all the things about veterinary school only another student will tell you. Please, drop in anytime when you get here in the fall and get to know all of us.

Again, it is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to the Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Also, don’t forget to look for an invitation to OTS’s annual ice cream social. Family and friends are encouraged to join you at this event. We’ll see you again soon at orientation!

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Historical Information

I. History of Auburn University

A. Auburn University opened its doors in October 1859 as the East Alabama Male College, with a focus on liberal arts and an affiliation with the local Methodist Church. In the beginning, the school had 80 students taught by 6 faculty members. Soon after its opening, the college was closed due to the hardships of the Civil War. It remained inoperative from 1861–1866, but again enrolled students in late 1866. However, increasing financial hardships caused the church to relinquish its control of the school to the state in 1872. The college was then renamed the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama—the first land–grant college in the South to be founded separate from the state university.

B. The college flourished in the latter half of the 19th century, and further expanded its horizons by admitting women, playing the first Auburn football game, and adding veterinary medicine to the curriculum in 1892. In 1899, the name of the school was changed again—this time to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API). It is from API that the College of Veterinary Medicine was born. The College of Veterinary Medicine was founded in 1907 as a branch of the veterinary science and physiology departments of API. In 1960, the institution was titled Auburn University in order to properly designate its location and academic objectives.

C. Today, Auburn University consists of over 200 buildings scattered on 1,900 acres of land. The oldest buildings on campus include the University Chapel (1850)—site of a supposed ghost; Samford Hall (1888)—with the famous clock tower; and Langdon Hall (1846)—location of the weekly free movie. In addition to the university itself, Auburn maintains 23,000 acres of land as an Agricultural Experiment Station in Tallassee and a 500 acre satellite campus in Montgomery. The 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students can choose from thirteen colleges: Agriculture, Architecture and Fine Arts, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Pharmacy, Forestry, Human Sciences,
Nursing, Science and Mathematics, Graduate School, and Veterinary Medicine. The university has consistently been described as one of the best buys in higher education by several publications, including *Money Magazine.*

II. **History of AU College of Veterinary Medicine**

A. The idea of veterinary medicine as a part of Auburn’s curriculum was born in 1892. The curriculum was reorganized and the College of Veterinary Medicine was established in 1907 under the guidance of Dr. C.A. Cary, who later became the first dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Those of you familiar with Auburn’s main campus may find it interesting to know that the old vet school was originally housed in an old frame dwelling near Toomer’s Corner. As the school grew in size, it moved away from campus to Cary Hall in 1940. The current Physiology Building served as offices for the doctors at the Veterinary College. Each of the two wings of Cary Hall served as hospitals – one for large and one for small animals. In 1950, Dean R.S. Sugg formed the SREB (Southern Regional Educational Board) to allow students from all over the South to attend Auburn’s Veterinary College. At this time there were only a few other vet schools in the area, so this program allowed students from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Virginia to attend Auburn as in-state students. Currently, Kentucky is the only state to use this program. Dean Sugg also bought the 256 acres of land on Wire Road, where the current College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is located.

B. McAdory Hall (the Large Animal Clinic) was opened around 1960. Greene Hall and
Hoerlein Hall (the Small Animal Clinic) opened in 1971 under the direction of Dean J.E. Greene. Dean J.T. Vaughan, who retired in 1995, oversaw the construction of the Scott–Ritchey Companion Animal Research Center with over 10,500 square feet for the research of companion animal diseases.

C. Today, the College of Veterinary Medicine is located on its own campus, complete with fully functional large and small animal teaching hospitals, Scott–Ritchey Companion Animal Research Center, Ware Imaging Center (with MRI and CAT scan machines), Overton Auditorium, Goodwin Student Center, Greene Hall (basic science teaching facility), Sugg Laboratory, and several other research buildings. The student–run Southeastern Raptor Rehabilitation Center (SERRC) opened a new facility away from campus in 1998. The College recently installed a linear accelerator to be used in cancer treatments. In addition, the College of Veterinary Medicine owns and maintains a herd of dairy cattle, as well as llamas used for teaching and research purposes. Since its founding, the College of Veterinary Medicine has graduated over 5,000 veterinarians who now practice in all areas of the profession in all 50 states.

III. History of Omega Tau Sigma at AU

A. The Zeta Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma received its charter on March 26, 1940. At the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, the class of 1940 realized that most of the purposeful men with high ideals were not commonly united even though one veterinary fraternity did exist at Auburn. Under the leadership of Leon F. Whitney of the class of 1940, as well as the guidance of Dr. Starr (an alumnus, Professor of Pathology, and Assistant Dean), the Grand Council of Omega Tau Sigma was petitioned for the formation of a chapter at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. An investigating committee arrived at Auburn, and it was soon reported that the group was satisfactory. Thus, the Zeta Chapter was formed, with B.C. Swindle acting as the first president of the 32 member organization.
B. During Zeta Chapter’s early years, plans were made to obtain a fraternity house. This was accomplished by means of a lease in 1943, and the house at 138 Toomer St. was later purchased by the Zeta Club in 1945. The dream of over 400 alumni and 100 active members became a reality in 1958 when a new $100,000 fraternity house was completed. In the mid–1970’s, Zeta Chapter opened its doors to the increasing number of women entering the Veterinary College at Auburn University. Omega Tau Sigma is the only professional veterinary fraternity at Auburn University.

C. In early 1970 the members of the Zeta Club, the financial organization of ΩΤΣ purchased 5 acres of land directly across from the CVM for the purpose of erecting a new fraternity house for the growing Zeta Chapter. After moving out of and selling the previous house in 1993, Omega Tau Sigma and the Zeta Chapter completed the construction of a new house in the summer of 1995.

D. Through the efforts of alumni and active members, the Zeta Chapter has steadily progressed in the last fifty years. Omega Tau Sigma has always symbolized the progress and ideals of the veterinary profession, and will continue to do so in the future.

Current Information

I. Omega Tau Sigma Today

A. The active “brothers” (male and female) of ΩΤΣ enjoy many exciting activities with classmates and faculty members. ΩΤΣ provides a break from studying, but the members are also ready with advice, notes, and old tests when you are ready to study. Fellowship among
the classes is greatly augmented by the “4 O’clock club” gatherings held every Friday after class at the ΩΤΣ house, located across the street from the vet school campus. This is a great way to blow off steam after a hard week of school, and a good way to get to know your classmates and other ΩΤΣ brothers better. All members and ΩΤΣ pledges can also take advantage of our pool table, foosball table, air hockey, television, and projector, good for watching major sporting events. Events like this prove that through hard work and determination, anything can be accomplished.

B. Each year we hold organized get-togethers, fundraisers, and perform service projects. The following are examples of some of our activities planned for the coming school year:

1. Fall 2013
   - Football tailgating at the house with alumni!!!!
   - August – Rush, Pub Crawl, and many back to school events!
   - September – Hat Party (Big Brother Revealing)
   - October – Grand Council, Halloween Party, Chilipalooza
   - November – Thanksgiving dinner
   - December – Christmas Party, Toys for Tots

2. Winter 2014
   - January – White Carnation Ball
   - February – Senior Banquet
   - March – Spring break, SAVMA Symposium
   - April – CVM Open House, Annual Conference Weekend with chances to mingle with alumni (networking!!!!)
   - May – Finals, lots of celebration over the end of the school year!

C. Those of us in Auburn this summer will be planning some informal cookouts, etc.–if you are in town, please call one of us to see what we are doing. We have several things already planned for next fall that you all will have a chance to take part in including: Rush, intramural sports teams, and various social and service events. We hold four to five chapter meetings each semester, and four pledge meetings during Fall Semester. If you
have any questions about pledge activities, please feel free to call Katie Hogan (502) 320–1562.

D. Dues are $140 per semester and Formal Rush will be held the first few weeks of school in August. You will be notified during orientation of specific dates and times.

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G. Omega Tau Sigma Faculty Members

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4. Dr. John MacDonald – Small Animal Clinic
5. Dr. James Milton – Small Animal Clinic (retired)
6. Dr. Benjamin I. Robertson – Physiology (retired)
7. Dr. Eva Sartin – Pathobiology
8. Dr. James Sartin – Physiology
9. Dr. Steve Simpson – Small Animal Clinic
10. Dr. Paul Smith – Pathobiology (retired)
II. College of Veterinary Medicine

A. Scholastic Life as a Freshman

1. Before classes start in the Fall, the Class of 2017 will participate in a partial week of orientation. This is actually a graded course in which the new student is introduced to the CVM and to the services available to them on main campus.

2. The fall curriculum consists of histology, anatomy of the dog, physiology, parasitology, cell physiology, ethics, ethology, and problem solving. Information regarding important dates for the 2013–2014 academic year will be posted online under the student section of vetmed.auburn.edu.

3. A team of teachers consisting of Drs. Morrison, Zhong, Martin, Brunson, and Foradori teaches histology. The focus is mainly on the structure and identification of the primary body tissues of domestic animals. Each student is assigned a lab station with two boxes of microscope slides and a microscope at the beginning of the semester that contains all the structures examined in the histology laboratory. The laboratory meets twice weekly for two hours each session, and there is one hour of lecture weekly. The lab is designed to guide the student through general histology, and all teachers are available for help during lab sessions and outside of class time.
Lastly, all proslides are available on computer in the library and on the school’s network. The grade for this class consists of weekly quizzes on current material, comprehensive tests and a final exam.

4. An intensive study of cardiac physiology taught by Dr. Schwartz, renal physiology taught by Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Tao, and respiratory physiology also taught by Dr. Tao are the components of the five credit physiology course.

5. Gross Anatomy will occupy the majority of your class time first semester. The lab section meets most days of the week for a few hours per session. This course is team taught by Dr(s). Coleman, Rumph, Wilhite, Mansour, Rowe, and Akingbemi. Although the dog is the main subject of study, feline specimens are also used for comparative study. This class is crucial because a fundamental knowledge of anatomy is necessary to understand pathology, physiology, and, later, surgery classes. In future anatomy courses, the instructors will assume your knowledge of basic anatomy, and therefore only allow time for study of specialized systems of the other domestic animals. The exam schedule for this class is variable, but generally consists of four comprehensive exams and a few pop quizzes.

6. Parasitology is taught by Dr(s). Blagburn, Hendrix, and Spencer. It consists of several lectures each week and one two hour laboratory.

7. Ethics is a short course that lasts only half a semester. Ethics this past year was taught by Dr. Hendrix, but the format may change in the future. The class is mostly group discussion format.

8. Cell physiology is another half semester course taught by Dr(s). Smith, Bird, and Pondugula. It will incorporate some cellular histology, cell physiology and a few other
topics like genetics and recombinant technologies.

9. Ethology is the study of animal behavior and will only be the second half of the semester. It is taught by Dr. Lawrence Myers and will study the application of animal behavior to correct problems seen in clinical settings.

10. The final class is Problem Solving. This course will meet ten times throughout the semester and has historically been taught in small groups. The format changes from time to time (the class of 2017 met as a whole for this class) and it is pass/fail, though attendance is mandatory. These meetings will focus on discussions pulling Histology, Anatomy, and Physiology together into clinical situations.

B. Student Organizations

1. There are a number of organizations of which you may decide to become a member, but not belonging to a certain group does not exclude you from participating in some of that club’s activities.

2. Partial list of organizations

   - **SCAVMA**: Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association
     - The Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Association at Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine is the school’s largest organization with 99% of the student body being active members. Basically, our role is to provide automatic conversion upon graduation from veterinary school into the national AVMA. By being a part of the student chapter, you end up saving over $800 dollars during the conversion period. All you have to do is to be within good standing with the AVMA for all four years of veterinary
school. All that is required is that you receive 5 points per semester which is pretty easy due to the numerous opportunities to get points and pay your student dues which are approximately $45 per year. You can receive points by attending SCAVMA socials, meetings, and other SCAVMA sponsored activities on campus. Another great advantage of being a SCAVMA member is the opportunity to attend national SCAVMA symposium which is hosted at a different veterinary school each year. There, you will have the opportunity to network with other colleagues, participate in numerous wet labs, and hear lectures from world renowned speakers. So in summary: everyone is a part of this great organization, so why not you too?

- **AABP**: American Association of Bovine Practitioners, Student Chapter
- **AAEP**: American Association of Equine Practitioners, Student Chapter
- **SCASV**: Student Chapter of the Association of Shelter Vets
  - Auburn's Student Chapter of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians, aka SCASV or Shelter Vets, is an active club and great for first years! We visit the Lee County Humane Society twice monthly to do physical exams and provide preventative care for the dogs and cats, which means lots of hands-on learning and animal time for our members. In addition, we host monthly meetings with speakers on topics like microchipping, animal behavior, and common skin problems seen in shelters. This is a great club not only for students interested in shelter medicine but also for anyone who wants to learn more about small animal medicine and get some real-life experience practicing exams, blood draws, and
vaccinations. It’s a great way to prepare for your second semester physical diagnosis class! Check out our Facebook page at Auburn University SCASV and be on the lookout for emails from us for more information.

- **AASRP**: American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners
- **AAZV**: American Association of Zoo Veterinarians
- **AAEP**: American Association of Equine Practitioners
  - Auburn CVM has an active student chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The primary mission of the club is to maximize hands-on wet lab opportunities for members. Past labs include a complete cardiovascular exam, lameness evaluation, equine dentistry, foal handling, colic work ups, and hoof trimming. The club holds weekly rounds in the barns lead by clinicians and residents to discuss hospitalized patients. There are also various opportunities for trips including Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event and Callaway Gardens Steeplechase. Local dues are $25 per year.
- **AAHA**: American Animal Hospital Association
- **CVF**: Christian Veterinary Fellowship
  - Christian Veterinary Fellowship exists to share the love of Christ through veterinary medicine. Auburn's chapter currently sends students to Cedar Cliff in Ashville, North Carolina, Mongolia, Bolivia, and Ethiopia. CVF's mission is to challenge, empower and facilitate veterinary students to serve others and build relationships through their veterinary knowledge and skills so that lives are transformed. AUCVM's chapter of CVF is a great way to take time and fellowship with your
classmates and faculty members as well as share Christ's love with the others.

- **Behavior Club:**
  - The Behavior Club is a student chapter of the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB). The club’s mission is to educate students regarding animal behavior and encourage interest in behavior medicine. The Behavior Club hosts 3 to 4 lectures per semester. Topics of interest range from interspecies and human aggression to anxiety and destructive behavior. The club also focuses on veterinarian-client interaction and ways in which the veterinarian may best advise the client and aid in strengthening the human-animal bond. The club does not focus on any particular species, but rather strives to provide education on the behavior of both large and small animals. Club dues are $10 per semester or $16 per year with lunch being provided at all events.

- **Sports Medicine Club:** Emphasizes working dogs and equine athletes

- **SVECCS:** Student Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society
  - The Student Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (SVECCS) at Auburn aims to increase knowledge of techniques and procedures that can be done not only in the emergency and critical care setting, but in general practice to raise the level of care of our critically ill and injured patients. We work hard to take your knowledge from the classroom and apply it to real life cases and procedures. Each month we conduct small and large animal rounds through the intensive care units led by dedicated clinicians as well as monthly meetings presented by our very
own knowledgeable professors as well as guest speakers. We also organize a cadaver wet lab each semester where students will work one on one with a clinician and/or technician from our hospital to get hands on experience with procedures including thoracocentesis, abdominocentesis, placement of nasoesophageal and nasogastric tubes, endotracheal intubation, tracheostomy, jugular catheter placement, thoracostomy tube placement, nasal oxygen placement, placement of urinary catheters, and more! For only $15/semester, you can join one of the most exciting and hands-on learning organizations here at the AUCVM.

- **VBMA**: Veterinary Business Management Association
  - Want to own your own practice? Want to set yourself apart from the crowd of applications when you graduate? The Veterinary Business Management Association (VBMA) can help. The VBMA is a student-driven organization dedicated to advancing the profession through increasing business knowledge, creating networking opportunities, and empowering students to achieve their personal and professional goals. The Auburn Chapter of the VBMA is an active organization on campus. Our Business Certificate Program is an excellent way to “minor” in business education by filling the fundamental gaps in the formal medicine curriculum. If you would like to know more about the VBMA today, please contact Kristin Wuellner at kew0026@auburn.edu.

- **WAVMA**: World Aquatic Veterinary Medicine Association
  - Auburn's Chapter of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association is a great place for those interested in aquatics to get more exposure to aquatic animal medicine. WAVMA covers
everything from your basic aquariums to koi ponds to marine mammals! We visit both the Georgia and Tennessee Aquariums and have speakers share about common fish diseases, diagnostics, husbandry, aquaculture, and public health. We are planning a diagnostic lab for the fall where we can practice sample collection and analysis as well. WAVMA is a great way to gain more exposure to aquatic animal medicine!

- **SGA**: Student Government Association
- **ACVP**: Pathology
- **PAMC**: Production Animal Medicine Club
  - The Production Animal Medicine Club (PAMC) is dedicated to providing its members with opportunities to enrich their veterinary education and experiences through seminars, tours, wet-labs and other activities related to the food animal industry. PAMC will focus on food animals including beef, dairy, swine, poultry, goats, and sheep. PAMC hopes to combine the interests of those involved in national organizations such as AAAP, AASV, AABP, and SFT. Club dues are $10.
- **Society for Theriogenology**
- **DVM**: Diversifying Veterinary Medicine
- **AIM**: Auburn Integrative Medicine
- **Public Health Club**
- **ACVIM**: American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- **Surgery Club**
  - Surgery Club is a supplemental educational organization designed to improve veterinary students’ surgical skills and knowledge.
Founded in 2013, Surgery Club is one of the largest specialty organization at Auburn. Through lunch meetings and wet–labs, we aim to connect members with Auburn’s world renowned surgical staff as well as a multitude of companies whose products and services have the potential to make us more proficient in the surgical field. Recent meeting topics have ranged from anesthesia to the advanced arthroscopic surgical techniques required to correct club foot in the horse. Past wet–labs have included topics such as suture patterns and various surgical techniques. Surgery Club is also is active in the community, sponsoring activities of many children’s’ organizations locally. We here at Surgery Club hopes you’ll join us for a variety of educational lunches, wet–labs, community events, and social gatherings that are planned for the upcoming school year.

- **ECAS:** Exotic Companion Animal Society
  - The Exotic Companion Animal Society is a student organization focused on expanding the classroom knowledge to incorporate a wider variety of animals. Through guest speakers and interactive workshops, ECAS provides an opportunity for students supplement their education to learn about species that are often not covered throughout the required curriculum. Meetings are offered at least once per month and cover a range of topics, from rabbit, amphibian, and tarantula medicine, to avian wet labs. For more information, contact Jessica at jda0025@auburn.edu.

- **Alpha Psi**
Alpha Psi fraternity is one of the oldest organizations in Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and will be celebrating its 102nd anniversary this spring. Alpha Psi is dedicated to enhancing one’s learning experience as well as making one a stronger and well-rounded person. Alpha Psi has many social events that are organized so as not to interfere with school and studying. Alpha Psi is best known for putting on the Alpha Psi rodeo, and this year featuring Country music star Alan Jackson April 12, 2014. Other past performers have been Eric Church, Blake Shelton, Sammy Kershaw, Cross Canadian Ragweed, and John Anderson. Alpha Psi also has a winter formal in New Orleans, a crawfish boil in the spring for the whole vet school and faculty, bowling night for all AUCVM, and tailgates at the new house for most home games.

3. Class Officers
   a. Class officers provide important services to the class and will be elected during the first few weeks of school.
   b. President: Makes announcements to class concerning information received from the faculty and administration, presents class suggestions or problems to the faculty and administration, arranges review sessions and schedule changes, and supervises other officers.
   c. Vice President: Assists the president and fulfills presidential duties in his/her absence.
   d. Secretary: Handles all class correspondence.
   e. Treasurer: Collects class dues and handles financial concerns of the class. Each class annually determines the amount of their dues—the extent of the dues is usually based upon any desired changes they would like to implement, equipment they would like to donate to
the school, or any approved conveniences they would like added to the physical part of the college. Dues also go to pay for your senior banquet in 2017 – dinner and a party.

f. Honor Court Justices (2): Hear cases involving violations of the honor code, and make disciplinary decisions based upon evidence presented in the case and the severity of the incident. Also, three alternates will be chosen to either fill in for absent justices, or to investigate cases.

g. SCAVMA representatives (2) and delegate (1): All three of these officers attend the local Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association meetings and the delegate also attends the National SAVMA Symposium.

h. Open House Chair (1): A freshman who will coordinate the work of his/her class to make our annual CVM open house a success. This person works very closely with the sophomore in charge and takes over the position the next year.

4. Student Conveniences

a. Each student will have a personalized mailbox located in the hall of Overton Educational Wing. These are arranged alphabetically according to class year. The faculty, students, and administration will use these boxes to provide you with updates concerning events at or outside of school, distribution of lecture material, and for the return of exams, papers, etc. Also, each student will receive a locker in Greene Hall for the storage of personal items or school supplies. Use of the anatomy and histology laboratories is permitted outside of regular school hours.

b. In addition, there is a fax available in the Academic Affairs Office. Goodwin Hall and the Overton Educational Wing also contains several furnished rooms (with audio/video...
equipment) that can be used for quiet and/or group study. The CVM also has a multi-terminal computer laboratory that is open for student use for study, research, or personal projects.

5. Textbooks and Supplies
   a. Textbooks will be a major expense throughout your vet school career; however, many students believe that the best thing to do is to wait until classes start to buy textbooks. Listen to your professors and especially upperclassmen before deciding to buy a book. With frequent scientific advancement, textbooks often become rapidly outdated, change editions, or are replaced by newer and better publications. Some upperclassmen are willing to loan books to freshmen, or books can be purchased from Auburn Veterinary Education Supply Store (AVESS), located ½ mile south of the CVM on Wire Road. AVESS also has the option of prepackaging your books, which saves time and allows you to be sure the editions you get are correct. You will hear more about this option during orientation. Store hours are Mondays from 6 pm to 8 pm, and Wednesday and Thursdays from 5 pm to 7 pm during the school year.
   b. In the past, most students prefer to take all of their notes on the tablet computers that are mandatory to buy prior to classes starting. (AUCVM and the department of IIT will guide you along the process of purchasing the computer) However, it is important to keep in mind that some instructors prefer that equipment used in their classes meet certain specifications. The following is a list of the important items you will need in the fall semester:
      - Lab coat (white) – recommend 2 – AVESS
      - Scrub tops and pants – at least 2 sets
      - Dissection kit with tissue forceps, Kelly hemostats, blunt probe, and
#20 scalpel blades – AVESS
- BOX of disposable exam gloves or heavy duty dissection gloves – AVESS
- Colored pens or pencils for diagrams
- Clear clipboard for Anatomy lab exams
- **Each student is required to purchase a tablet pc**

c. If you have any additional questions, the place to find most of the answers is the Academic Affairs Office. It will be an invaluable resource during your time at vet school. The telephone number for that office is (334) 844–2685.

6. CVM Rules and regulations
   a. The Honor Code – As a student in the College of Veterinary Medicine, you should be aware of the code of conduct developed by your colleagues. The honor code is mainly applied in instances of academic dishonesty, but its scope is wide and covers all breaches of professional behavior. You will be expected to uphold its principles, and the Dean’s Office will supply you with the details of the code. It is our recommendation that you read the code and take its contents very seriously. The consequences can be very harsh if the infraction warrants action by the Honor Court.
   b. Dress Code – Maintaining a professional personal appearance and attitude on the College of Veterinary Medicine campus is important. An individual’s personal appearance creates an initial and lasting impression of their self-image, and of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University. Veterinary students, faculty, and staff should dress in a manner that reflects favorably on them personally and as part of the College community. It is important for students to recognize the value of professional appearance prior to graduation. The purpose of the dress code, in addition to statements above, is to eliminate personal dress that is distracting to the learning environment. It is intended to allow for
personal expression and comfort while maintaining a professional decorum.

General guidelines for professional attire include dress slacks and collared shirts for men (ties are strongly encouraged); and blouses, collared shirts, long pants or appropriate dresses or skirts for women. Excessively worn or soiled clothing, t-shirts, tank tops, sweats, shorts, and provocative dress are not acceptable.

The dress code at Auburn is student-imposed and student-run; this means that your peers will be asked to correct your behavior, and that the faculty should not need to decide whether or not your attire is acceptable.

7. Advice and Helpful Hints

a. Random Advice for Incoming Freshmen

- When a teacher says “You don’t have to know this” or “I won’t test you on this…” – TAKE NOTES!!!
- Study hard but schedule in fun-time too
- Give up–“tag team” instructors for the same course won’t agree on anything; therefore, you should ask all of them to identify a structure and choose the response given the most
- Live near the vet school
- Go to sports events at Auburn University and unwind
- Spend an afternoon at Kiesel Park “studying"
- Attend rush events—even if you don’t want to become a member it is a great way to meet your classmates and upperclassmen
- Look your best on the first few days of orientation–your composite picture and ID badge will be taken and will haunt you for the next four years
- Sing Karaoke at Fat Daddy’s
- Get to know your professors—they are always willing to help (and full of funny stories)
- Have a fishbowl at Niffer’s
b. Characteristics of the Veterinary Student

- Class of 2018—These students can be recognized from 50 feet away by their smell alone (from Gross Anatomy).
- Class of 2017—Sophomores will be a continuous source of knowledge and advice—good or bad—for the incoming freshmen in the areas of professors, classes, and exams. They can be distinguished by their conversations about barbiturates and opiates.
- Class of 2016—Juniors descend into the clinics in March and suddenly become seniors. Nobody knows what actually happens there, but they emerge having earned the title of “Doctor”.

Auburn Alabama Moving Information

I. Mobile Home Communities
   A. Barron’s Mobile Home Park (334) 821-1335
   B. Conway Acres Mobile Home Park (334) 887-5746
   C. Gentilly Mobile Home Park (334) 887-3246
   D. Steeplechase (334) 821-0747
   E. Ridgewood Village (334) 821-2298
   F. Swann’s Mobile Home Park (334) 887-8429 or 821-9694
   G. Stonegate Mobile Home Park (334) 821-2685

II. Apartments
   A. Crossland Downs (334) 887-6574
B. Lakewood Commons (334) 826–7500  
C. Village West (334) 887–3318  
D. Garden District (334) 826–0550  
E. Sterling University Arbors (334) 826–1202  
F. College Park – Auburn Crossing (334) 821–4400  
   – Auburn Trail (334) 887–3400

III. Utilities
   A. Water Works Board of the City of Auburn: $50 deposit and $10 service charge.  
      Located at 1501 W Samford Ave Phone: (334) 501–3050.  
   B. Alabama Power Company: $150 deposit, Located at 1699 South College, Phone: (800) 245–2244.  
   C. AT&T: $100 deposit and $40 connection fee (unless you already have good credit with your existing company). Phone: 557–6500; outside AL: (800) 285–4410.

IV. Other
   A. Alabama Driver’s License: You must take the vision before you can get your license. You can take the test at 611 S. Railroad Avenue in Opelika. Phone: 742–9986 If (and when) you pass, you will be issued a temporary license until your official one arrives by mail in a few weeks.  
   B. Alabama License plate: You must take your title, registration, and bill of sale to the Lee County Tax Assessor in the Lee County Courthouse or the annex near the mall on Opelika Road.  
   C. Voter Registration: Board of Registrar’s in the Lee County Courthouse Phone: (334) 745–9780  
   D. Post Office: There is one on Opelika Road and one on S College St. (in the Big Blue Bookstore)

V. Useful Telephone Numbers
   Foy Union Student Center (answer questions AU) (334) 844–4244  
   Lee County Superintendent of Education (334) 745–9770
VI. Available Housing

A. Roommate Wanted

- Roommate needed. A two-bedroom apartment in Crossland Downs, directly across from the Large animal Clinic. Rent is $412.09 per month, and then half of electricity and internet. You can contact me at 770-893-7331 or trt0007@tigermail.auburn.edu

- **Stonegate Lot 162**: Room open in 3Br/2Bath <1 mile from Vet school (easily bikeable), renovated last summer, newly built front deck, 3rd bedroom used as study room. I have a 40 lb dog, a parrot, and a fishtank, but other non-destructive pet welcome (current dog is fearful, but just needs slow introduction). Dishwasher, W/D, tankless water heater. $300+ ½ Electric and Internet bills. Kate Butzen 770.605.6698

- **Gentilly 2**: Roommate wanted. Trailer located in gentilly two. $350 a month two small rooms and private bathroom includes all utilities, any and all pets welcome! The property also has a shed for some storage. Contact azz0009@tigermail.auburn.edu

- **Ridgewood**: less than 1 mile from vet school. 2 BR/2 BA trailer. Dogs and all other pets welcome (no cats). Fenced in backyard with shaded deck. New dishwasher, plus all other amenities. Rent $250/month plus electric and wi-fi. Contact Kate Marraccini kmarraccini@gmail.com (908) 601-0161

- I have a 3br/1ba house located 1 mile from downtown Auburn, approximately 10 minutes from the vet school. The house has a nice fenced backyard. I'm looking for 1 roommate, rent is $550, and includes all utilities. Please call or text Christina at 256-749-5933
• **Stonegate:** 3 bed/2 bath trailer in Stonegate, directly across the street from the AUCVM large animal entrance. Very quiet neighborhood with a pool! I am the only other tenant and I have a dog but cannot allow any other pets. You will have your own bedroom and bathroom, and the extra room is currently used for storage. Asking $425 a month which includes power, water, tv and internet. Clean and quiet environment open kitchen and living room, tiger transit access and 2 minute drive from main campus. Email me if interested, my name is Ashley!  [aks0016@auburn.edu](mailto:aks0016@auburn.edu)

• **Conway Acres, Lot 124:** Looking for a quiet, responsible, non-smoking female roommate in a 2BR/2BA trailer 5 minutes from vet school. Common area nicely furnished. Extra bedroom can come with full-sized bed and chest of drawers if wanted. Safe, pet-friendly park with lakes. Must be ok with 2 border collies. No other dogs or cats please. Rent is $450/month which includes utilities. Call/text Kaley Parker (229) 343 1379 or email [kmp0043@auburn.edu](mailto:kmp0043@auburn.edu) for availability.

• **Avalon:** Roommate needed in a 2 bed/2 bath mobile home in avalon park. Avalon park is a gated mobile home community with gym, tanning bed, and salt water pool. Rent includes use of a completely furnished living room, kitchen, and all appliances, as well as the master bedroom and bathroom. Trailer has large front porch with a fenced in dog yard. Friendly pets OK with approval and deposit. $325/mo plus half of utilities. Contact Katie at (502) 320-1562 or by email at [krh0018@auburn.edu](mailto:krh0018@auburn.edu).

• **Ridgewood:** I have recently purchased a 2B/2BA trailer in Ridgewood Village (Lot 172) and am seeking a roommate for the upcoming school year. The trailer is a 1998 16X80 (1280 sq. ft) Fleetwood split floor plan with laminate wood flooring throughout. It is extremely well kept up with no history of water leaks or damage, has a covered front porch, and a fenced in yard. Bedrooms are spacious, and the second bedroom features a large bay window. Looking for quiet, responsible, non-smoking, female roommate who will equally contribute to household maintenance, indoor and out. Must be okay with living with a cat and a dog. Rent will be approximately $450 plus ½ the monthly power bill. Rent includes water, trash pickup, cable, internet, and amenities. Contact me for pictures or more information: Katie, AUCVM class of 2017  [Kzr0019@auburn.edu](mailto:Kzr0019@auburn.edu) (678) 699-7863 (Call or Text)

**C. For Sale**

**MOBILE HOMES:**

• **Conway Acres:** 2005 Sunshine mobile home with fenced yard. 2 bed/2bath. New flooring- laminate. Asking $22,000 or best offer. Comes with refrigerator, microwave, couch, and love seat, and possibly washer and dryer. Walk in closet and garden tub. New flood light has also been installed. Outdoor
patio with chairs, table, and umbrella and a covered porch area. Easy to maintain yard. Contact Lydia at (205) 531-4624 or (334) 209-2073

- **Ridgewood**: 2009 Weston Fleetwood. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath. $22,000 or OBO. Currently located on a corner lot (#300) in Ridgewood Village. Available starting March 10th, 2014. Call: (256) 566-0823 for more info.

- **Conway Acres**: 2000 Horton Mirage 2 - 14X72 – 2BR/2Bath $14,000 Lot #221 in beautiful Conway Acres Park. Fenced yard, Storage Shed, Washer/Dryer, Refrigerator included. New carpet throughout. (205)-978-3733 or (205)-540-0196

- **Stonegate**: 1989 16’ x 70’ 2 bed/2 bath mobile home. All major appliances included. Large front and back decks, back covered/screened. Landscaping with rose and blueberry bushes. Available May 2014. Offered at $14,500. Contact Blake Hailey (334) 821-2685

- **Conway Acres**: 16 x 80 2003 Cavalier manufactured home. 3 BR/ 2 BA. Less than 5 minutes from AUCVM. Large master bedroom and walk-in closet. Large fenced in yard with covered front and back porch. Asking $26,000 or best offer. Contact Jenna at (480) 220-5582 or jli0006@tigermail.auburn.edu

- **Gentilly**: 1999 Clay/Fire 2 BR/ 1 BA. 840 sq ft. Includes all major appliances. Partially furnished. Lot rent is $345 per month, includes water, basic cable, lawn care, and garbage pickup. Asking $13,000. Call or email Whitney (502) 320-3719. Wms0009@tigermail.auburn.edu

- **Orchard Way**: 1998 Destiny 14’ x 70’ Trailer, 2 BR/2BA, FULLY FURNISHED, located in wonderful Orchard Way, only 7 miles from AU Vet School with Tiger Transit stop. 20’ x 20’ chain link fenced in yard off large covered porch, lawnmower and char-broil gas grill included. All appliances included. Asking $14,900. Contact Nancy at (502) 338-6244

- **Conway Acres**: 2004 16 x 70 Fleetwood mobile home. 2 BR/2 BA. Front deck with covering. $22,000 or best offer. Contact Samantha at (334) 332-3147

- **Stonegate**: 2 BR/2 BA mobile home. New Kitchen Floors, Paint, Molding, Back Porch, Roof to Front Porch within the last 4 years. Fenced in Front Porch. Dishwasher, Washer/Dryer, and several other amenities included! Affordable Lot Rent includes Sewage, Trash, Lawn care, and Cable. Asking $12,000. If Interested Call: Blake (334) 319-1239 or Katie Locklar (334) 201-8695

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- **Crossland Downs**: 1 BR/1 BA condo with custom tile floors. Approximately 696 square feet. Pet friendly. All major appliances included. Offered at $56,500. Contact broker Brian at (334) 209-0771 or brian@auburnareaproperties.com

- **Brookes**: One bed/one bath condo, built in 1985. 542 sq. ft. All major appliances. Carpet and ceramic tile. Located across the street from AUCVM (roughly a 2 minute drive or 10 minute walk). Monthly HOA fee: $80, includes water, pest control, and trash pick-up. Asking price: $62,500. Available: May 2014. Contact: (502) 445-8236 or (502) 245-3915

- **Other information will become available in the Office of Academic Affairs in the late spring and summer.**
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