Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation

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VETERINARY DENTAL MISSION TO THE WILDLIFE WAYSTATION

Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation Conducts Its Fourth Teaching Mission
To The Wildlife Waystation

Lakewood, CO, January 08, 2010 -- The Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation (PEIVDF) recently visited the Wildlife Waystation in Sylmar, California. Holding its fourth teaching mission to the facility, PEIVDF provided life improving advanced veterinary care to eight residents of the sanctuary. Three veterinarians, one dentist, and one veterinary technician joined PEIVDF instructors and board members as student practitioners - all past PEIVDF Tuition for Mission alumni.

Ms. Montana, an American grizzly bear, received several root canals. Ferrets Astrid and Emma needed only one root canal apiece. Normy the baboon had one incisor extracted and a battle wound in his groin repaired. Billy and Maude, two chimpanzees, had an incisor root canal and extraction respectively. Lion Tiberius needed a few root canals, and finally, tiger Mungar needed one extraction.

Even captive animals in the most well-appointed facilities suffer from oral maladies, such as periodontal disease, broken teeth, and tumors. Through its Tuition for Missions program, PEIVDF works to help captive animal facility staff and volunteers learn to recognize the signs of oral problems, which can often manifest as external swelling, draining tracts, and "bad behavior", among other symptoms.

Qualified practitioners can apply to attend PEIVDF missions. Under the close instructions of PEIVDF instructors who are also members of the American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC), Tuition for Missions student practitioners gain hands-on experience in the treatment of oral disease in exotic animals. The variety of animals seen by Tuition for Mission students provides an invaluable learning experience for those working toward their AVDC certification. The depth of knowledge and experience of the PEIVDF instructors available in one location provides a deep font of knowledge from which these students can draw, and from which captive animals can benefit.

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The Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation (PEIVDF) was established as a 501(c)(3) private foundation in 2005, and has incorporated and filed for public charity status with the IRS.

For more information about the Tuition for Missions program, or to schedule an interview with Dr. Emily, please call Susanne Pilla at (303) 355-7688, or e-mail Susanne at pilla.s@peteremilyfoundation.org., or visit the website at: www.peteremilyfoundation.org

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