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Online Course Promotes Awareness and Prevention of Companion Animal Zoonotic Diseases and Collaboration Among Health Professionals

Course offered at a reduced rate of \$50 for registration prior to October 3

Ames, IA – The Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine announces the first offering of a new web-based course, October 7 – November 3, 2013.

The *Zoonoses: Protecting People and Their Pets* course provides an excellent opportunity for animal and human healthcare professionals and students to refresh and gain knowledge of key zoonotic diseases. The course includes lessons, case studies, a discussion board, and online resources to assist in conveying zoonotic disease prevention measures to clients.

“Companion animals play an important role in people’s lives,” said Dr. Glenda Dvorak, DVM, MPH, DACVPM, course instructor, Assistant Director, CFSPH. Dr. Dvorak emphasizes that “Partnerships between human, veterinary and public health professionals are needed to raise awareness, enhance detection, and promote prevention of zoonotic diseases to protect the health of people and pets.”

The cost to register for the course is \$50. This course is subsidized with support from the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases (CEEZAD) at Kansas State University, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence. All course participants will receive a copy of the companion textbook (a \$70 value).

To find out more and to register, visit <http://zoonoses.info>.

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